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CAPE TOWN PASS EMBASSY

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TAGS: PDEV, SF, WA
SUBJECT: BRIEFING OF FRONTLINE OFFICIALS ON CAPE TOWN
TALKS

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1. OPERATING FROM THE SAME SCRIPT AS THAT USED WITH
SWAPO VP MUYONGO (REFTEL), UKUN AMBASSADOR JAMES MURRAY
BRIEFED FRONTLINE COMMONWEALTH OFFICIALS (ZAMBIA,
BOTSWANA, TANZANIA) AND NIGERIA ON JUNE 15 ON THE
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LATEST ROUND OF CAPE TOWN TALKS. OFFICERS OF THE
LONDON MISSIONS OF CANADA, FRG, FRANCE, AND US ALSO
ATTENDED.

2. MURRAY NOTED THAT HIS BRIEFING WAS INTENDED AS A
DETAILED FOLLOW-UP TO THE MORE GENERAL BRIEFING ALREADY
GIVEN TO THE COMMONWEALTH HEADS OF STATE.

3. THE BRIEFING WAS FOLLOWED BY A QUESTION-AND-ANSWER SESSION AS FOLLOWS:

A. (NIGERIA) WILL SWAPO BE BRIEFED?

(MURRAY) FINDING SAM NUJOMA IS ALWAYS A PROBLEM, BUT I BRIEFED KATJAVIVI AND MUYONGO HERE YESTERDAY, AND DR. OWEN SAW THEM LATER IN THE DAY.

B. (NIGERIA) DOES THE UN SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE HAVE TO BE WHITE?

(MURRAY) NO, HE WILL BE THE CHOICE OF THE SYG, BUT OBVIOUSLY, THE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE WILL HAVE TO BE SOMEONE WHO CAN GET ALONG WITH ALL PARTIES INVOLVED.

C. (ZAMBIA) WHAT IF SWAPO WILL NOT GO ALONG WITH THE CAPE TOWN PROPOSALS?

(MURRAY) WE HOPE THEY WILL AND THAT YOU WILL HELP US IN SPEAKING WITH SWAPO.

D. (ZAMBIA) WE SHALL TRY TO HELP. WHAT ARE THE GUARANTEES THAT SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS WILL NOT INTIMIDATE THE PEOPLE DURING THE TRANSITION?

(MURRAY) THE UN SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE WILL HAVE TO BE SATISFIED THAT THERE IS NO INTERFERENCE IN THE POLITICAL PROCESS BY SOUTH AFRICAN FORCES, AND THE SOUTH AFRICANS UNDERSTAND THIS.

E. (BOTSWANA) WHAT IF THERE IS A CLASH BETWEEN THE UN SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE AND THE SOUTH AFRICANS?

(MURRAY) THE SOUTH AFRICANS KNOW THAT THEY WILL BE UNDER SCRUTINY BY THE ENTIRE WORLD, SO SUCH A CLASH IS HIGHLY UNLIKELY.

F. (TANZANIA) DID THE QUESTION OF WALVIS BAY
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COME UP AT CAPE TOWN?

(MURRAY) WE TOLD THE SOUTH AFRICANS THAT WALVIS BAY WOULD BE A PROBLEM, AND THEY REPEATED THEIR WELL-KNOWN VIEWS THAT JURIDICALLY WALVIS BAY IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA.

G. (BOTSWANA) WAS ANYTHING SAID ABOUT THE POSITION OF THE WHITES IN NAMIBIA?

(MURRAY) NO, WE DID NOT DIFFERENTIATE AMONG NAMIBIANS BY RACE.

4. OVERALL TENOR OF MEETING WAS RELAXED AND FRIENDLY, WITH FRONTLINE REPRESENTATIVES EXPRESSING THEIR APPRECIATION FOR BOTH THE BRIEFING AND THE WORK OF THE CONTACT GROUP.

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